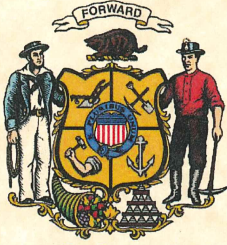


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act and has affected millions of people of all ages across the nation; and

WHEREAS; human trafficking can happen to anyone regardless of race, age, or gender, but vulnerable populations, such as youth who are homeless, unaccompanied, or runaways, LGBTQ, Black, Latinx, Native American, or involved in the child welfare system, are at a higher risk; and

WHEREAS; due to its isolating and secretive nature, urban, suburban, and rural communities across Wisconsin are unaware trafficking exists within their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS; the manipulation of human traffickers has immeasurable and long-lasting effects on the physical and emotional well-being of survivors; and

WHEREAS; state, county, and local efforts are underway and being coordinated to provide support to help survivors heal from the trauma caused by human trafficking and address trafficking crimes; and

WHEREAS; human trafficking is perceived as a hidden crime, but is pervasive across our state, affecting communities in every corner of Wisconsin; and


WHEREAS; combating human trafficking is a shared responsibility and all Wisconsinites must educate themselves on how to recognize the signs of trafficking, report suspicious activities, and support survivors of trafficking;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim January 2020 as

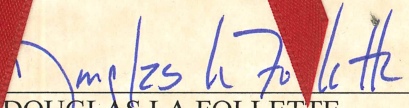
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throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 13th day of December 2019.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State